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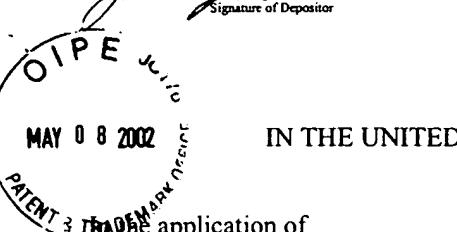
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the application of

MATTHEW T. HEISEY, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/759,965

Filed January 12, 2001

: Confirmation No. 1681

: Group Art Unit 1623

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For LOW CARBOHYDRATE COMPOSITIONS, KITS THEREOF, AND METHODS OF USE

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action in this case please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition comprising:
 - a) a chondroprotective agent selected from the group consisting of cartilage, aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, methylsulfonylmethane, precursors of methylsulfonylmethane, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof;
 - b) a sweetening agent selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, mannitol, xylitol, erythritol, malitol, maltose, lactose, fructooligosaccharides, lo han guo, stevioside, acesulfame, aspartame, sucralose, saccharin, xylose, arabinose, levulose, isomalt, ribose and mixtures thereof; and
 - c) at least about 10% water, by weight of the composition.

Please cancel claim 3.